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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Miller et al.

Group Art Unit: 2721

**Serial No.: 09/541,853**

Examiner: Not Assigned

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For: **EDGE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTING SS7  
SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) USING EDGE DEVICE**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated July 16, 2003, having a 1-month term for Response that will expire on August 16, 2003.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following

Election and Remarks:

**RESTRICTION PRESENTED**

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-31	Drawn to interconnecting SS7 signaling points using an edge device, classified in class 370, subclass 465
II	32-35	Drawn to fault/congestion detection and notification, classified in class 370, subclass 235

**APPLICANTS' ELECTION**

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-31, drawn to interconnecting SS7 signaling points using an edge device, classified in class 370, subclass 465, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby